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SUBJECT: REPERCUSSIONS OF CONTINENTAL SHELF CRISIS ON GOT

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1. REFTEL WAS VERY USEFUL IN HELPING US ARRIVE AT BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF GOT POLICY TOWARD WITHDRAWAL OF READING AND BATES RIG DURING RECENT SHELF CRISIS. IT RAISES SPECTRE OF POTENTIAL CHANGES IN TUNISIAN LEADERSHIP WHICH COULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS ON US-TUNISIAN RELATIONS (ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF PLANNING FOR OFFICIAL VISIT TO U.S. BY NOUIRA IN EARLY 1978), AND UNDERSCORES NEED FOR CONTINUED REPORTING AND ANALYSES OF INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

2. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS EMBASSY'S EVALUATION OF NOUIRA'S POLITICAL LONGEVITY IN LIGHT OF POSSIBLE ESTRANGEMENT BETWEEN HIM AND PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA AND OF MOVES BY RIVALS FOR PRIME MINISTERSHIP. IN DISCUSSING PROSPECTIVE

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CONTENDERS IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE RUNDOWN OF THEIR POLITICAL ORIENTATIONS, STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES, AND ASSESSMENT OF IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. INTERESTS SHOULD ANY ONE OF THEM SUCCEED NOUIRA. VANCE

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